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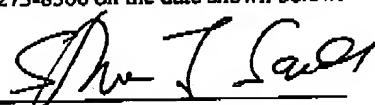
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Smith:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, currently due May 15, 2006, with a three (3) month extension of time petition for which is attached hereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

*AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS* begin on page 2 of this paper.

*REMARKS* begin on page 6 of this paper.